उत्तम कोटि के गेहूं का निर्यात

319. **श्री बुद्धदेव आनन्द पासवान** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब में उत्पन्न उत्तम कोटि के गेहूं का निर्यात विदेशों (अमरीका, कनाडा, आदि में) किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि विदेशों से सामान्य श्रेणी के गेहूं का भारत में आयात किया जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या उत्तम कोटि की भारतीय चीनी का विदेशों में निर्यात किया जा रहा है;

(घ) क्या उसी चीनी के अमरीका में बने "शुगर-क्यूब्स" का भारत द्वारा महंगे दामों पर आयात किया जा रहा है; यदि हां, तो सरकार कब तक इस तरह से आयात करती रहेगी; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार भारत में "शुगर-क्यूब्स" बनाने के बारे में विचार कर रही है; यदि हां, तो कब तक, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) से (ङ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Assessment of Trade Potential between India and South Africa

320. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether with the improvement of relations with South Africa, Government have made any assessment of the mutual trade potential ; if so, the details thereof ; and

(b) what steps have been and are being taken to fully exploit the trade potenial ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to Government's assessment, the potential for mutual trade is substantial.

Items having high export potential to South Africa are rice ; tea, coffee; cashew; jute; spices; marine products; jewellery; woven fabrics; garments; textiles; pharmaceuticals & bulk drugs; dye-stuffs; software; tyre leather products; insecticides, surgical equipments, plastic goods, light engg goods like handtools, castings, bicycles and its parts, two wheelers and mopeds etc.

The following items have good import potential from South Africa :

Rock phosphates, iron and steel, wool and non-ferrous metals, and advanced technologies for mining, for production of steel using low grade coal and for production of fuel from gas.

(b) The measures being taken for fully exploiting tthe bilateral trade potential are:

(i) Participation in the South Africa's Trade Fair (SAITEX) in 1994.

(ii) Visit of a Ministerial trade delegation to South Africa in January, 1994.

(iii) Trade Agreement is being finalised.

(iv) A seminar on 'Doing Trade with India' is being organised by FIEO in Durban and Johannesburg. South Africa, in January, 1994.

Targets for Agricultural Export

321. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed an export target for export

of agricultural and allied commodities during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to encourage export of agricultural commodities and processed foods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) The targets fixed for the export of various agricultural and commodities during 1993-94 are as given below Table :

	Commodity	Target (US $ Million)
1.	Fruits, vegetables, processed food items etc. .	465
2.	Oilcakes, etc. . .	555
3.	Cereals . . .	370
4.	Cashew . . .	300
5.	Tobacco . . .	190
6.	Sugar and Molasses .	175
7.	Spices . . .	160
8.	Others . . .	40
	TOTAL . .	2255

(c) The introduction of unified exchange rate, the lowering of customs duries, easier availability of credit for exports, changes and simplifications in the EXIM Policy and procedures and smplification of compulsory preshipment inspection of exports are steps taken with a view to creating an environment which is highly conductive to exports. Apart from the above general measures the following decisions/actions have been taken with the specific purpose of encouraging and boosting the export of agricultural commodities :

1. Extension to the exporters of agriculture, acquaculture animal husbandry, pisciculture, poultry, the benefits available to approved units under the scheme of 100% EOUs and EPZs subject to the condition that exporters export 50% of their produce while the remaining 50% can be sold in the domestic tariff area;

2. Decanalisation of export of milk products ;

3. Extension of exemption from payment of cess on the export of pepper and spice oils and oleoresins for one more year;

4. Permitting export of mustard seed and rapeseed without any export licence subject to a quantitative ceiling of 50,000 tonnes each

5. Decontrolling of the export of wheat products ;

6. Introductions of air-freight subsidy scheme on export of selected fuits and floriculture to selected destinations ;

7. Introduction of Indian logo for the export of spices in branded consumer packs ;

8. Exemption on payment of cess on the export of sugar ;

9. Permission for the export of durum varieties of wheat subject to MEP of $ 160 PMT and quantitative ceiling of 3 lakh tonnes this year ;

10. Permission to export superfine non-basmati rice subject to MEP of US $ 225 PMT ;

11. Permitting export of edible oils (other than groundnut oil) in consumer packs up to 5 kgs.

Imports and Export Policy

322. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering several policy initiatives to